

# HAL ROBERT BOYD

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## EDUCATION

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**Yale Law School, JD**  
**Brigham Young University, BA**  
**University of Cambridge, Pembroke-King's Summer Program**

## UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

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Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Brigham Young University, 2024-Present  
President's Council, Brigham Young University, 2024-Present  
Associate Prof. & Director of Public Scholarship, BYU School of Family Life, 2019-2021  
Fellow, Wheatley Institute, Brigham Young University, 2018-Present  
Adjunct Prof., Philosophy Department, Brigham Young University, 2017-2019  
Special Assistant to the President, Eastern Kentucky University, 2015-2016  
University Executive Council, Eastern Kentucky University, 2015-2016  
Researcher, Yale Law School and Yale School of Management, 2013

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE

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Special Assistant to the Managing Director & Director in Government Relations,  
Church Communications Dept., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2018-2019  
Senior Associate of Public Affairs & Executive Secretary to the Public Affairs Committee,  
Public Affairs Dept., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2011-2013

## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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Editor & Executive Editor, Deseret News & Deseret Magazine, 2021-2024  
Vice President, Deseret Publishing Company, 2021-2024  
Opinion Editor & Columnist, Deseret News, 2016-2018  
Editorial Board, Deseret News/KSL, 2016-2018; 2021-2024  
Staff Reporter, Deseret News, 2011

## SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

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Editorials, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Utah, Idaho, Spokane Associated Press Association Awards, 2017  
Editorials, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, "Top of the Rockies," Society of Professional Journalists, 2017  
Editorials, 1<sup>st</sup> place, The Utah Society of Professional Journalists, 2016  
Editorials, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, "Top of the Rockies," Society of Professional Journalists, 2016  
Editorials, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Utah, Idaho, Spokane Associated Press Association Awards, 2016

## SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS & APPEARANCES

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CNN, CNN Opinion Contributors  
NBC, Think-Opinion, Analysis, Essays  
The Atlantic, Atlantic Politics  
ABC News, Nightline with Terry Moran  
Washington Post, Acts of Faith  
NPR, Weekend Edition with Michel Martin  
Yahoo, Yahoo! News Now, Paul Beban  
Huffington Post, Politics  
CNN, CNN TV Newsroom  
Politico, Politico Magazine  
KCPW; KNRS; KUTV; KSL

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARSHIP

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### Book Publications

*College for the Commonwealth: A Case for Higher Education in American Democracy* (University Press of Kentucky, 2018); with Michael T. Benson  
*Are Christians Mormon?* (Routledge, 2017); with David L. Paulsen  
*Psalms of Nauvoo: Early Mormon Poetry* (Religious Studies Center: Brigham Young University, 2015); with Susan E. Black

### Selected Articles & Public Writing

“What will BYU become?” *Deseret News*, Sept. 2023  
“The House Protects Religion and Gay Marriage. There’s hope.” *NBC News*, Dec. 2022  
“How Liberals Can Be Happier,” *New York Times*, Nov. 2021; with Brad Wilcox  
“The Nuclear Family is Still Indispensable,” *The Atlantic*, Feb. 2020; with Brad Wilcox  
“Government Should Invest in Marriage,” *Public Discourse*, Aug. 2018; with Alan Hawkins  
“Pornography is Hurting Teens,” *Washington Examiner*, June 2018; with Mark Butler  
“Don’t Monkey with Monogamy,” *First Things*, June 2018  
“Utah Holds Clues to Solving our Deep Partisan Divide,” *Weekly Standard*, Jan. 2018  
“Mr. Romney goes to Washington?” *National Review*, Nov. 2017  
“The Ignorance of Mocking Mormonism,” *The Atlantic*, Nov. 2017